

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3885 - HB 3910

March 1, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs to establish a field office at some place in each service area in this state. Current law requires the Commissioner to establish a field office at some place in each Congressional district in this state.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

Assumptions:

- Enactment of this bill would bring the Department of Veterans Affairs into compliance with current practice.
- Under the provisions of the bill, the Commissioner would determine the service areas in which field offices would be established. Congressional districts would no longer be the determining factor. Because the location of veteran populations may change over time, the location of field offices may need to be changed to accommodate the movement of veteran populations.
- Currently, there are 14 field offices across the state which service veterans in all nine Congressional districts.
- According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, all Congressional districts except one have at least one field office.
- If service areas rather than Congressional districts are used as a basis for the location of field offices, no additional field offices would be required.

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- According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, there are currently no plans to add additional field offices. The cost to establish each new field office is approximately \$119,600 for salaries, benefits, office lease, supplies and travel, and equipment.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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